



# Advanced Portal Security (APS)

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# Advanced Portal Security Program



- Threat: An unconventional attack against military/civilian buildings and bases with chemical or biological agents
  - Threat agent hidden in a sealed container and carried into a building resulting in an internal release
- Goal: Make buildings and bases safer from CW/BW attack
  - Reduce the risk of an internal release by detecting chemical and biological agents prior to entry

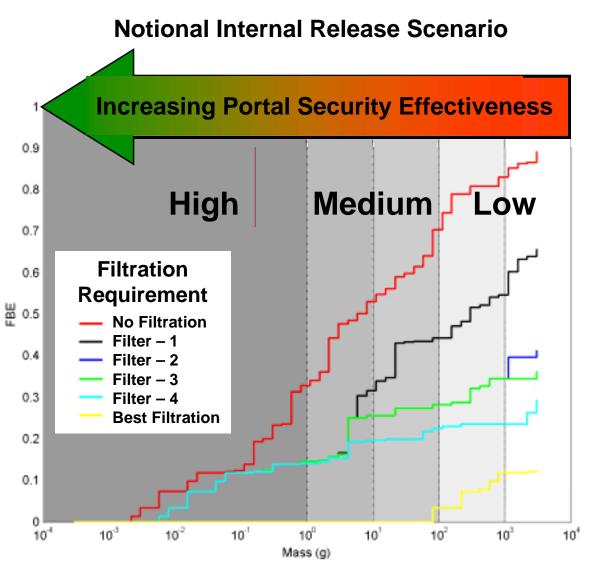






# Relationship between Portal Security and Fraction of Building Exposed





FBE can be reduced by improving portal security or the protection architecture

#### Portal security:

- Can reduce the range of potential masses
- Does not eliminate the threat
- Enables performance tradeoffs to achieve detection of low quantities:

**Mass** 

**Scan Time** 

Pd/Pfa

**Specificity** 



# Portal Security Applications



# **Approach:** Develop family of screening technologies for the following "applications"









- Front Lobby
  - People, Packages, Containers, and Single Items
  - Find small quantities of CW/BW agents
    - Detect small objects hidden under clothing and protect personal privacy
    - Verify contents of packages and containers

- Mailroom
  - Normal Business Mail, Flats,
     Packages, Containers
  - Find small quantities of CW/BW agents
    - Protect against known threats
    - Reduce logistics burden



# Multi-Level Screening Concepts



# Fast Detect Discriminate ID Destroy Most Specific

#### Threat Space

**Bags** – bottle hidden in a bag, briefcase, etc.

**Bottles** – closed, sealed containers of liquid or powder material.

Mail – envelopes (single or in bundles).

People – bottle or other container hidden under clothing.

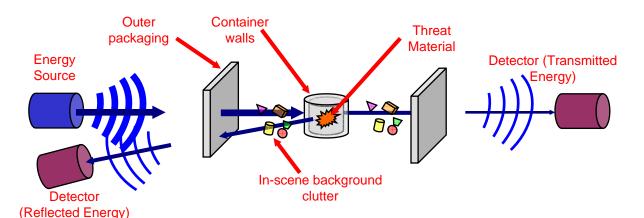
#### **Conceptual Process**

- **1. Anomaly Detection.** First level screening to detect anomalies and potential threat containers hidden in a bag, or inside another container, or under clothing.
- **2. Hazard** Discrimination. Second level screening to distinguish between hazardous and benign substances inside containers based on physical and chemical properties of liquids, solids and biological materials.
- **3. Threat Identification.** Third level screening to identify threat materials from the chemical composition of spectroscopic signature.
- **4. Threat** Destruction. Energy tailored to destroy CB agents without collateral damage to non-hazardous items.



# Generic Screening Concept





Common Schema



The easiest case is the **stand-alone bottle** with no other packaging or background clutter.

A **suitcase** has an *outer packaging* (the suitcase) and other internal *background clutter* (clothes, personal items, etc.).





**Mail** has an *outer packaging* (the envelope) and other internal *background clutter* (paper, metal staples, etc.).

**People have** *outer packaging* (their clothes) and other internal *background clutter* (jewelry, belts, pens, wallets, cell phones, etc.).

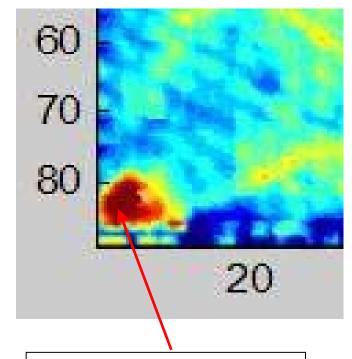


# Mail (Letters & Flats) Screening



### Desired Capabilities

- Automated scan to detect & discriminate powders prior to opening
- Fast trigger scan
  - Duration: < few seconds</li>
  - Detection: < small quantities of powder
- Confirmation scan
  - Duration: few seconds
  - Discriminate detected material as possible threat or hoax



Detection of powder samples inside standard envelopes at a single NIR wavelength after corner concentration Scan time ~ seconds/image



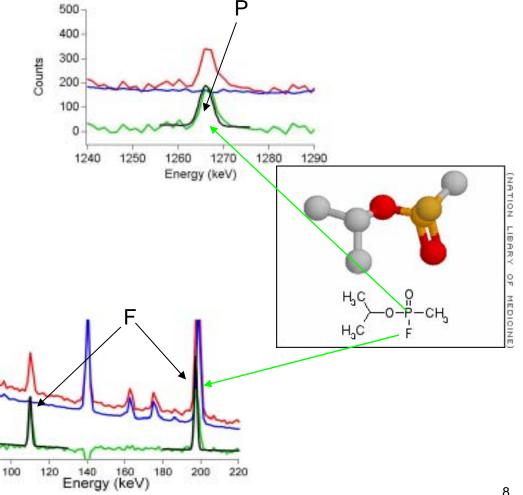
# Package Screening



### Desired Capabilities

- Scan for CW/TICs prior to opening
- Fast trigger scan
  - 5 per minute for lobby
  - 1 per minute for mailroom
- Confirmation scan
  - High Pd
  - Low Pfa
- Complements X-ray & explosives detection systems
- No safety issues
- Uses limited floor space

Possible Sarin detection by discrimination of fluorine and phosphorus



4000

3000

1000

Sounds 2000

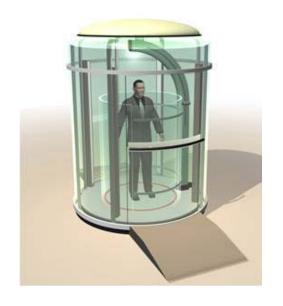


## Personnel Screening



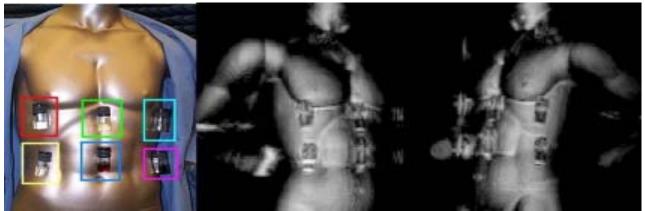
### Desired Capabilities

- 3D scanning of ~10 people per minute
- Detect liquids
- Detect powders
- Detect glass & plastic containers; paper envelopes; plastic bags
- No safety or privacy issues
- Use limited floor space

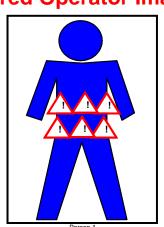


**Optical Image** 

22-33 GHz Images



**Desired Operator Image** 



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# Program Approach



- Phase I: Technology Assessment (FY02)
  - BAA solicitation of industry/OGAs. Independent investigations.
  - >50 responses identified viable technologies
  - Technology Feasibility Studies (FY02-03)
    - Research contracts awarded
    - Demonstrated qualitative evidence of penetration & signatures
- Phase II: Technology Development (FY05-06)
  - Develop and optimize selected technologies to quantify/enhance performance
  - Invest in prototype development efforts to ensure successful transition of those technologies
    - Achieve integrated mail system prototype
    - Achieve personal screening prototype
- Phase III: System Demonstration (FY07-08)
  - Integrate complementary technologies to demo performance